

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1347
By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Joe Dawson upon receiving the 2006 American Hospital Association Grassroots Champion Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those health care professionals who, through an unwavering commitment to excellence and devotion to patient service, have improved the quality of life of the citizens of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Joe Dawson, recipient of the 2006 American Hospital Association Grassroots Champion Award; and

WHEREAS, Joe Dawson has served with acumen and alacrity since 1985 as the Hospital Administrator for Blount Memorial Hospital, in which position he has earned the respect of his colleagues, staff, and the members of his community for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, working assiduously to ensure quality health care for all, Joe Dawson has displayed exceptional leadership in generating grassroots and community activity in support of Blount Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, the American Hospital Association (AHA) Grassroots Champion Award recognizes hospital leaders who most effectively educate elected officials on how major issues affect their hospitals' vital role in the community, who have done an exemplary job in broadening the base of community support for their hospitals, and who are tireless advocates for their respective hospitals and patients; and

WHEREAS, a 1969 graduate of Maryville College, Joe Dawson earned his Master's degree in Hospital Administration at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and many talents to numerous worthy organizations and activities, Mr. Dawson is a board member of Maryville College, First Tennessee Bank, Blount County Chamber of Commerce, and United Way of Blount County; and

WHEREAS, Joe Dawson has served with distinction as a Board Member and Chairman of the Council on Government Affairs for the Tennessee State Hospital Association (THA), and he has also served as Chairman of Friends of THA and THA's Political Action Committee (PAC); and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Joe Dawson received the AHA Most Valuable PAC Player Award in 2005; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Dawson always strives to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Joe Dawson epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to public service that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body wishes to recognize this exemplary health care professional and public servant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Joe Dawson upon receiving the 2006 American Hospital Association Grassroots Champion Award, commend him upon his meritorious service to the citizens of Blount county and the State of Tennessee as Administrator of Blount Memorial Hospital, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.